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## ***Indiana's Unemployment Insurance Claims Week Ending March 6, 2004***

Indianapolis, Ind. – Today the Indiana Department of Workforce Development released the following information on the state's unemployment insurance claims for the week ending March 6, 2004:

- *Total Unemployment Insurance Claims:* 80, 619 total claims were filed throughout the week. This marks a decrease of 1,295 claims (-1.58%) from the previous week and a decrease of 8,804 claims (-9.85%) compared to the same week last year.
- *New Unemployment Insurance Claims:* 6,211 new claims were filed during the week. This was 169 (-2.65%) fewer claims than were filed in the previous week and 1,499 (-19.44%) less than the same week last year.
- *Continuing Unemployment Insurance Claims:* 73,335 continued claims were filed. This is a decrease from the previous week, with 1,115 (-1.50%) fewer claims being filed. During the same week last year, 81,078 claims were continued.
- Federal civilian employees and ex-military personnel made up the remainder of total unemployment claims filed.
- *Regular State Benefits Paid:* \$17,955,098.50 in benefits were awarded throughout the week, down from \$18,078,551.12 in benefits which were awarded in the previous week.
- *Regular Federal Benefits Paid:* \$265,119 in benefits were awarded for the week, down from \$282,674 in benefits which were awarded last week.
- *Extended Unemployment Compensation Benefits Paid:* \$635,271.59
- *Regular Benefits Paid Year-to-Date:* \$187, 403,195.64
- *Trust Fund Balance:* \$625,114,076.27
- *Layoffs and Closures:* A temporary layoff was reported in a wood office manufacturer in the Vincennes area.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other Department of Workforce Programs, contact Jeff Harris at 317/ 232-3396 or visit the web site at [www.workforce.IN.gov](http://www.workforce.IN.gov).

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